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WHEN GODS WALK THE EARTH!

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FINAL FURY AS TITANS CLASH!

THIS ISSUE! IKARIS ALONE AGAINST THE COSMIC-POWERED HULK!

RAGING BATTLE TURNS AN ENTIRE CITY INTO A

DISASTER AREA!

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Strange events have exposed a startling fact, kept alive through the centuries only by myth and superstition—man is not alone on the evolutionary chain!! He has shared the planet with two species unknown to him! Now, in a sudden burst of violence, the Deviants have risen from their domain beneath the sea to challenge all humanity!! But mankind has unexpected allies—

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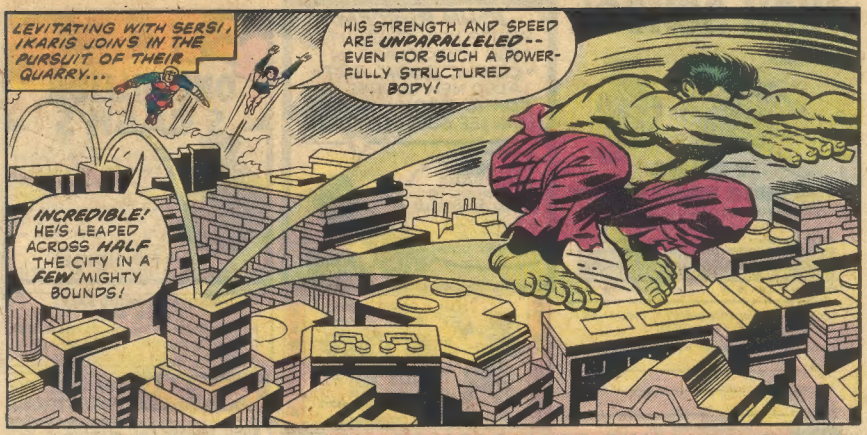
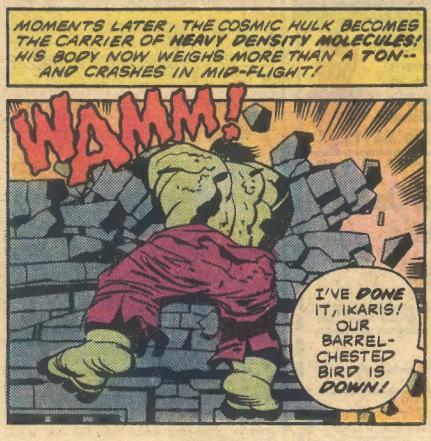
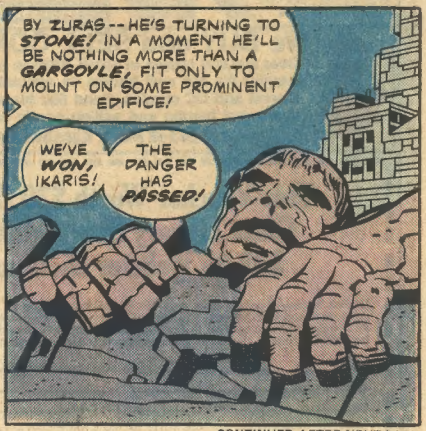
IKARIS, THE ETERNAL, AND HIS FRIENDS HAVE STUMBLED INTO A FANTASTIC SITUATION, SPUN BY THE VAGARIES OF FATE! A THING WITHOUT LIFE HAS SUDDENLY ACQUIRED IT! BUT, IT IS A THING IN THE IMAGE OF A MOST DESTRUCTIVE PERSONALITY!
HE'S LEAPED OUT OF RANGE! THIS MUSCLE-BOUND MAMMOTH IS CAPABLE OF AMAZING COUNTER-MOVES!
NEVER BY MAN OR CREATURE BORN OF COSMIC BACKLASH!
WE MUST FOLLOW HIM AND QUELL THIS WILD RAMPAGE!
GET OUT OF HIS WAY, SERSI--! YOU HAVE A LOVELY NECK, BUT IT CAN EASILY BE SNAPPED!
ZZZZZ TTT!







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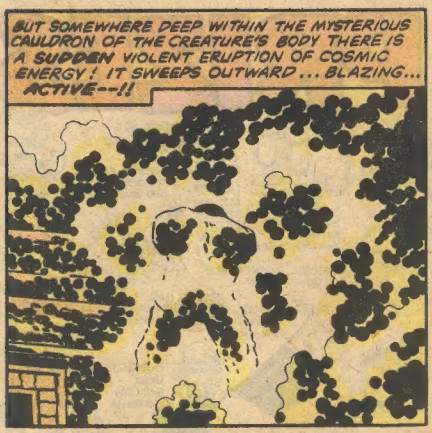
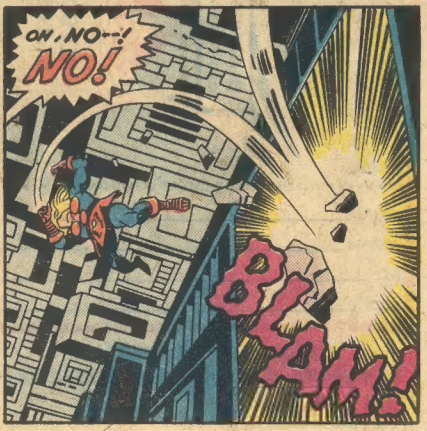
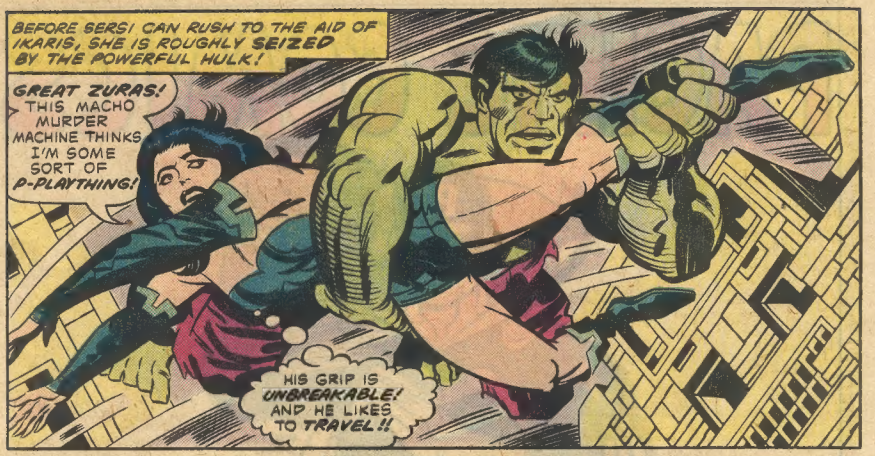

BUT SOMEWHERE DEEP WITHIN THE MYSTERIOUS CAULDRON OF THE CREATURE'S BODY THERE IS A SUDDEN VIOLENT ERUPTION OF COSMIC ENERGY! IT SWEEPS OUTWARD... BLAZING... ACTIVE--!!

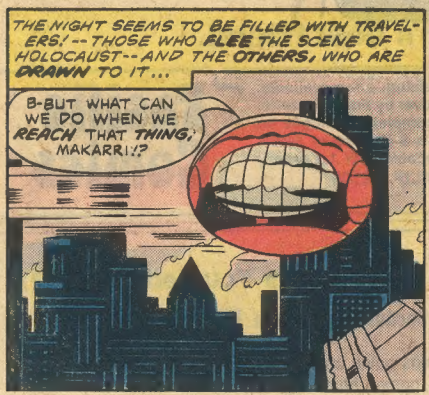
IT ENVELOPES ITS HOST IN A CLOUD OF WHITE FIRE! THE STONE EYES BEGIN TO GLOW! THE JAGGED LIPS DRAW BACK IN ONE FIERCE MOTION! THE PSEUDO-HULK IS ALIVE!!
RRRRRR

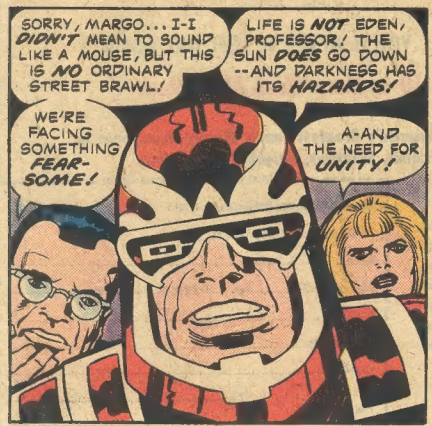
THEN...
N-HE'S BEEN REVITALIZED! WE'RE FIGHTING A COSMIC GENERATOR!
WE'VE GOT TO STOP IT!
STAY BACK, SERSI!

IKARIS HURLS HIMSELF AT THE HULK--AND IS MET BY A HUGE POWER-DRIVEN FIST!
KRAKK!!


OH, NO--! NO!
BLAM!







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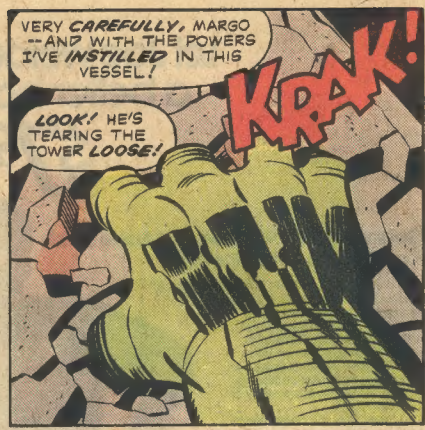
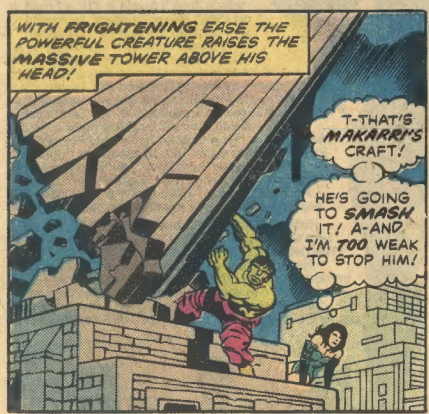
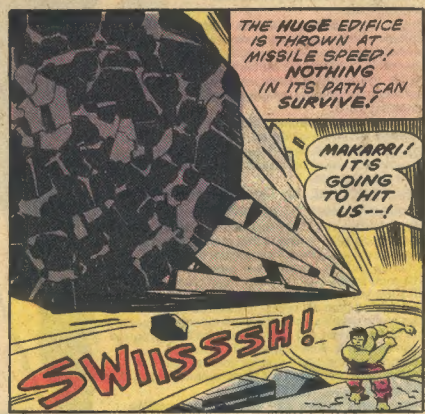
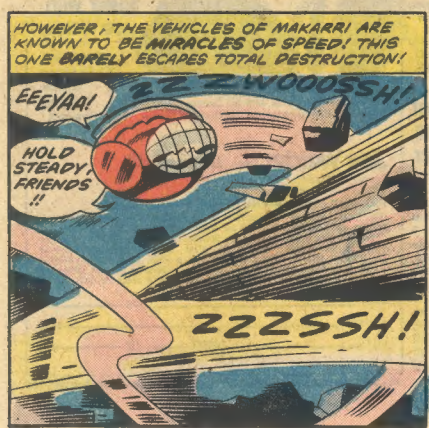
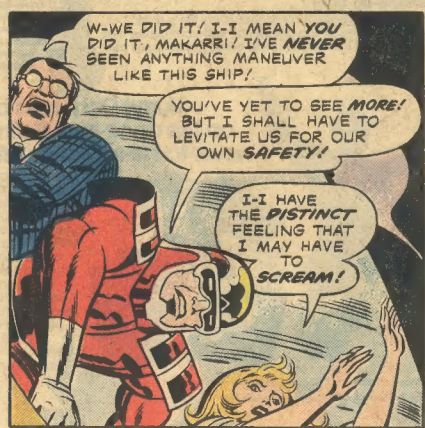
HE'S TAKEN HER TO THE TOWER OF THAT TALL BUILDING!
MY GOD! H-HE'S GOING TO DO THE KING KONG BIT! H-HOW WILL WE DEAL WITH THIS!?

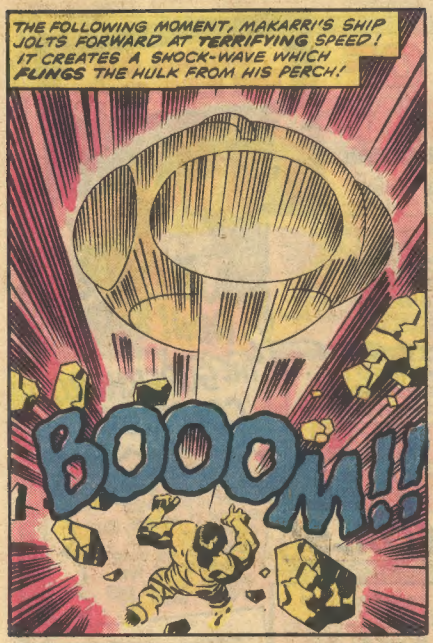

VERY CAREFULLY, MARGO --AND WITH THE POWERS I'VE INSTILLED IN THIS VESSEL!
KRAK!
LOOK! HE'S TEARING THE TOWER LOOSE!


WITH FRIGHTENING EASE THE POWERFUL CREATURE RAISES THE MASSIVE TOWER ABOVE HIS HEAD!
T-THAT'S MAKARRI'S CRAFT!
HE'S GOING TO SMASH IT! A-AND I'M TOO WEAK TO STOP HIM!


THE HUGE EDIFICE IS THROWN AT MISSILE SPEED! NOTHING IN ITS PATH CAN SURVIVE!
MAKARRI! IT'S GOING TO HIT US--!
SWIISSSH!


HOWEVER, THE VEHICLES OF MAKARRI ARE KNOWN TO BE MIRACLES OF SPEED! THIS ONE BARELY ESCAPES TOTAL DESTRUCTION!
EEEYAA!
ZZZWOOOSSH!
HOLD STEADY, FRIENDS !!
ZZZSSH!


W-WE DID IT! I-I MEAN YOU DID IT, MAKARRI! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING MANEUVER LIKE THIS SHIP!
YOU'VE YET TO SEE MORE! BUT I SHALL HAVE TO LEVITATE US FOR OUR OWN SAFETY!
I-I HAVE THE DISTINCT FEELING THAT I MAY HAVE TO SCREAM!



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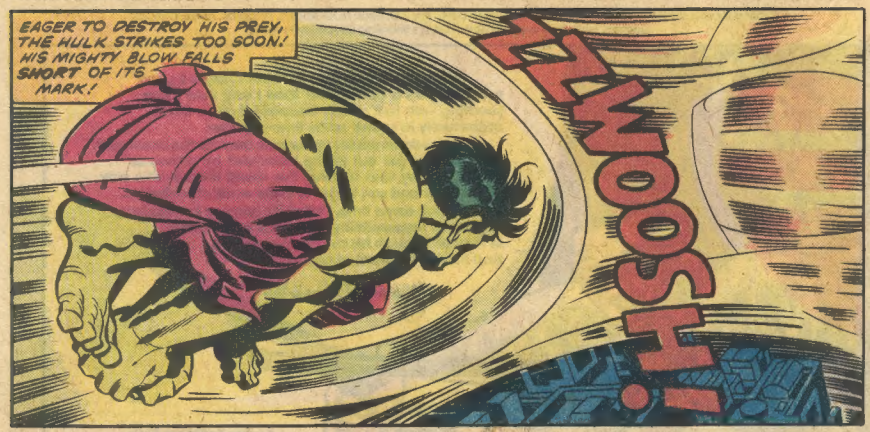
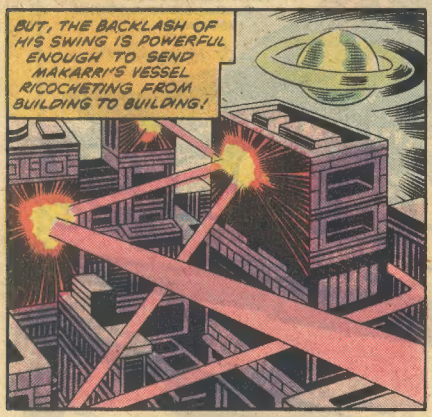
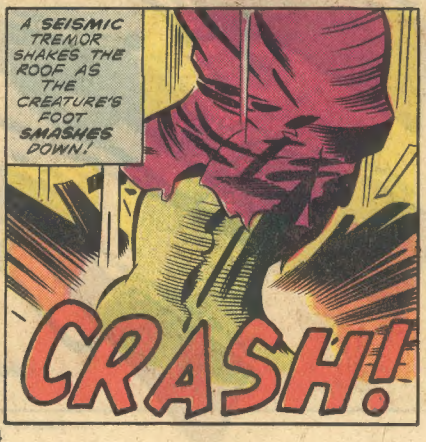

EAGER TO DESTROY HIS PREY, THE HULK STRIKES TOO SOON! HIS MIGHTY BLOW FALLS SHORT OF ITS MARK!
ZZWOOSH!


BUT, THE BACKLASH OF HIS SWING IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO SEND MAKARRI'S VESSEL RICOCHETING FROM BUILDING TO BUILDING!

SUDDENLY...
THERE HE IS! SHOOT TO KILL!!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!

THESE RIFLES CAN MAKE SWISS CHEESE OUT OF A TANK! YET WE CAN'T PUT A DENT IN THIS DINOSAUR!
KEEP MOVING AND KEEP FIRING! WE CAN'T TAKE HIM -- SO WE'VE GOT TO SNUFF HIM!!
YOU HOPE!

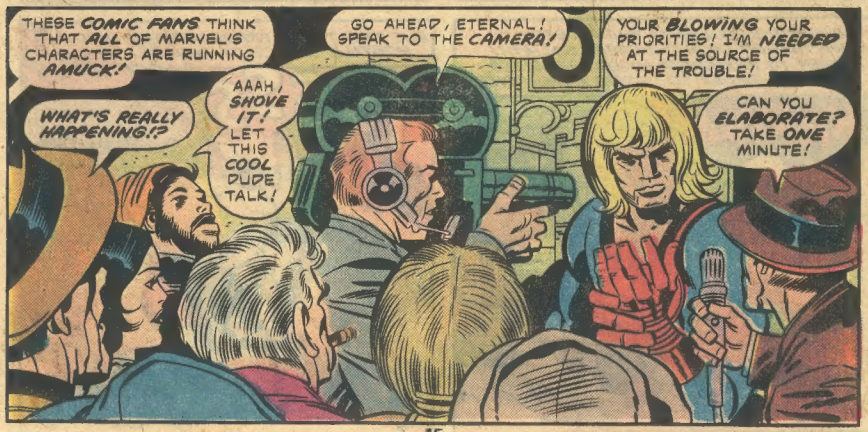

A SEISMIC TREMOR SHAKES THE ROOF AS THE CREATURE'S FOOT SMASHES DOWN!
CRASH!

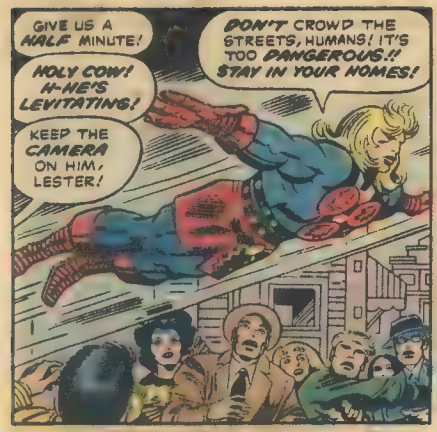
HE'S CAVED THE ROOF IN! GRAB AT ANYTHING STABLE!
I-I CAN'T! I'M SLIPPING! CAN'T HOLD ON--!

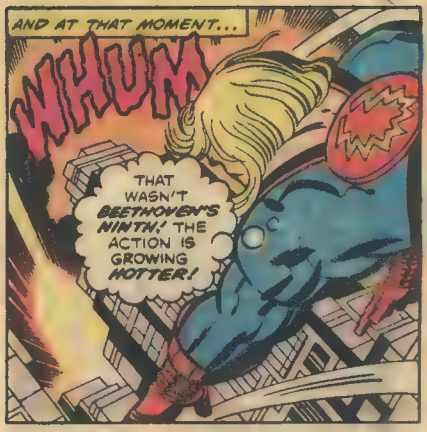
MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER SECTION OF THE CITY...
THIS TOWN IS GRIPPED BY TERROR, SIR! AS ONE INVOLVED WITH THESE EVENTS, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT'S HAPPENING!?
WH-WHAT IS THIS? WHO ARE YOU?

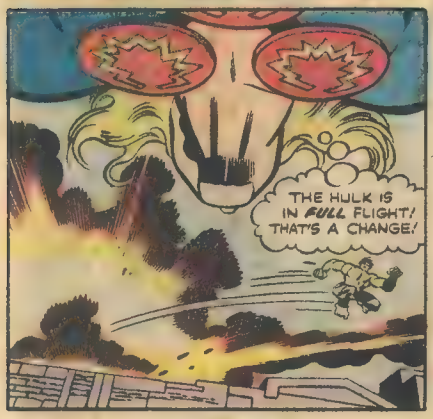
WHY, I'M WALTER REASONER OF G.B.C., OF COURSE! AND YOU'RE AN ETERNAL, AREN'T YOU?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE IS, MISTER! BUT I DO KNOW THAT HE PACKS A NUCLEAR PUNCH!
IS IT--OR IS IT NOT THE HULK THEY'RE SHOOTING AT UP THERE!?

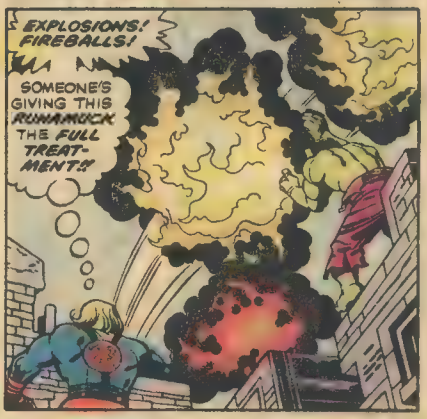
HEY, MISTER REASONER! ASK HIM IF DOCTOR DOOM AN' THOR ARE FIGHTING TOO!
A FAIR QUESTION, SIR.
YEAH! IS IT TRUE THAT THE INHUMANS ARE COMING?


THESE COMIC FANS THINK THAT ALL OF MARVEL'S CHARACTERS ARE RUNNING AMUCK!
WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING!?
AAAH, SHOVE IT! LET THIS COOL DUDE TALK!
GO AHEAD, ETERNAL! SPEAK TO THE CAMERA!
YOUR BLOWING YOUR PRIORITIES! I'M NEEDED AT THE SOURCE OF THE TROUBLE!
CAN YOU ELABORATE? TAKE ONE MINUTE!

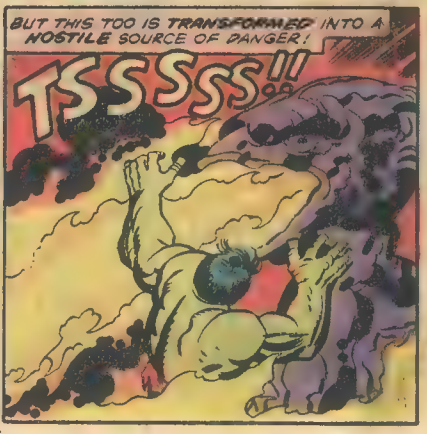

GIVE US A HALF MINUTE!
DON'T CROWD THE STREETS, HUMANS! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!! STAY IN YOUR HOMES!
HOLY COW! H-HE'S LEVITATING!
KEEP THE CAMERA ON HIM, LESTER!

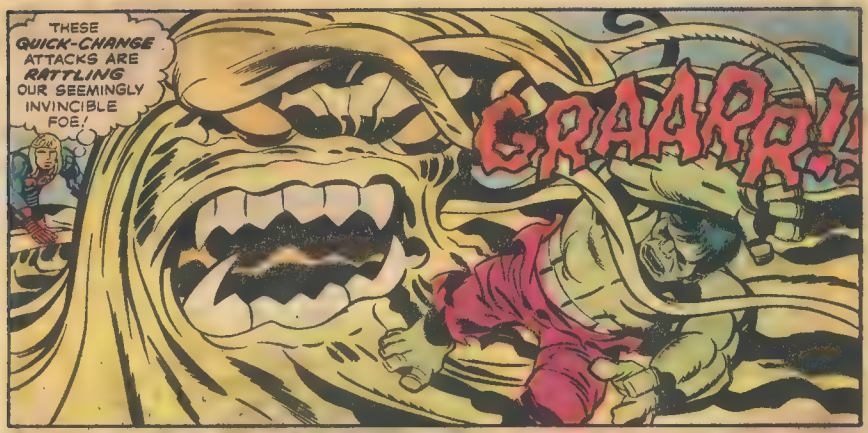

AND AT THAT MOMENT...
WHUM
THAT WASN'T BEETHOVEN'S NINTH! THE ACTION IS GROWING HOTTER!

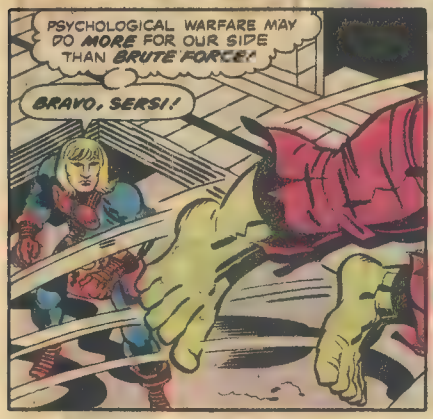

THE HULK IS IN FULL FLIGHT! THAT'S A CHANGE!

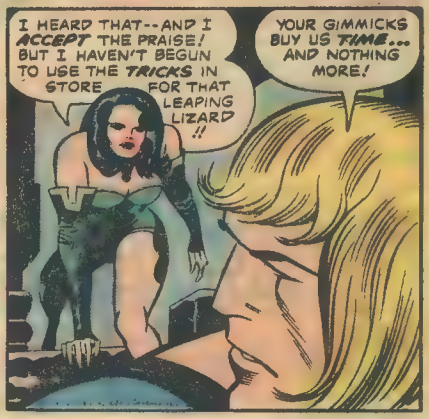

EXPLOSIONS! FIREBALLS!
SOMEONE'S GIVING THIS RUNAMUCK THE FULL TREAT-MENT!!

THE VERY MOLECULES OF THE AIR SEEM TO HAVE TURNED UPON THE GREEN GOLIATH! DRIVEN TO FRENZIED ANGER, HE SEIZES A BRICK CHIMNEY TO USE AS A WEAPON!
KA-ROAR!

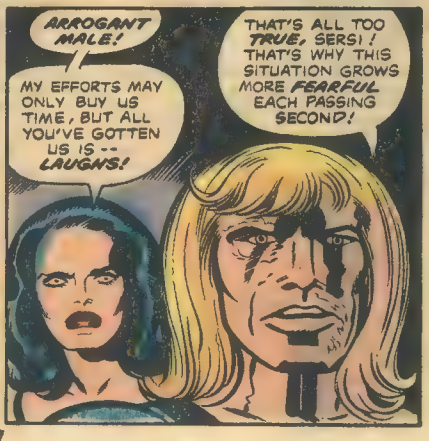

BUT THIS TOO IS TRANSFORMED INTO A HOSTILE SOURCE OF DANGER!
TSSSSS!!


THESE QUICK-CHANGE ATTACKS ARE RATTLING OUR SEEMINGLY INVINCIBLE FOE!
GRAARR!!


PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE MAY DO MORE FOR OUR SIDE THAN BRUTE FORCE!
BRAVO, SERSI!


I HEARD THAT--AND I ACCEPT THE PRAISE! BUT I HAVEN'T BEGUN TO USE THE TRICKS IN STORE FOR THAT LEAPING LIZARD !!
YOUR GIMMICKS BUY US TIME... AND NOTHING MORE!

YOU'VE YET TO SEE THE REST OF THE BAG! MY NEXT TRICK WILL SEND HIM LEAPING TO THE MOON!
JUST WATCH!
I SAID NO, SERSI!


ARROGANT MALE!
MY EFFORTS MAY ONLY BUY US TIME, BUT ALL YOU'VE GOTTEN US IS -- LAUGHS!
THAT'S ALL TOO TRUE, SERSI! THAT'S WHY THIS SITUATION GROWS MORE FEARFUL EACH PASSING SECOND!

EVEN BOORS CAN ACQUIRE THE KNACK OF BEING RIGHT!

OH, IKARIS! WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE CAN'T STOP HIM!

H-HE'S LIKE SOME UNKNOWN ORGANISM INFECTED WITH THE POWER OF THE GODS!

YES... AND HE'LL USE THEM! THE HAVOC WILL SPREAD IF THIS POWER GROWS STRONGER!

I TELL YOU, SERSI, THAT THE SIGNS ARE NOT GOOD!

HE'LL SMASH THIS CITY TO RUBBLE BEFORE HIS POWERS FADE!

AS THE CRISIS MOUNTS, THE PRESS REVIEWS ALL KNOWN FACTS CONCERNING IT...

GOOD EVENING... MY COLLEAGUES ARE TRUMAN SWARTZ AND MILLY McCOY. I AM HARRY KRUNKEIT... AND THIS IS THE NEWS!

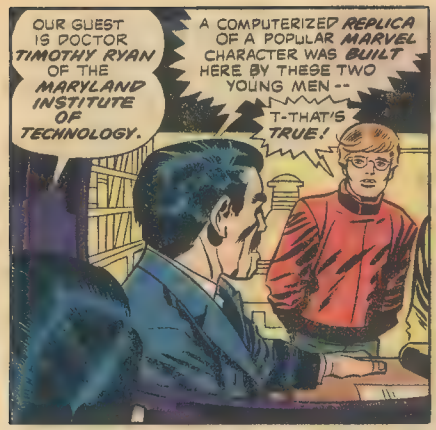
THE DANGER IS GROWING! OUR CITY IS AT THE MERCY OF A ROGUE FORCE OF UNPRECEDENTED NATURE! ALL EFFORTS TO CONTAIN IT HAVE FAILED!!

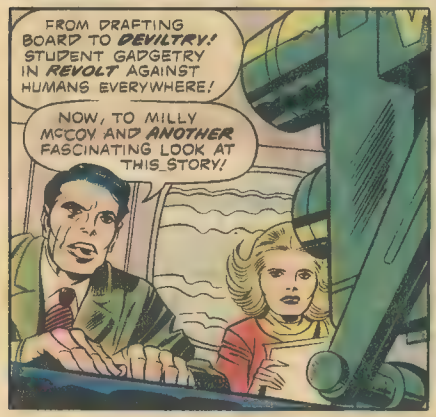
OUR POLICE ARE REGROUPING TO ATTACK! THE NATIONAL GUARD IS MOMENTARILY EXPECTED -- AND THIS CITY IS NOW OFFICIALLY A DISASTER AREA!

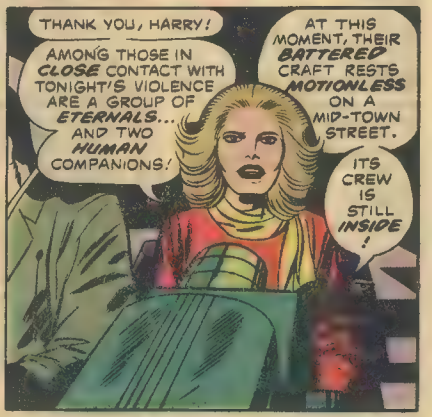
BY REMOTE, WE HAVE WITH US, TONIGHT, THE PEOPLE WHO CLAIM INITIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR PRESENT GRAVE CONDITION!

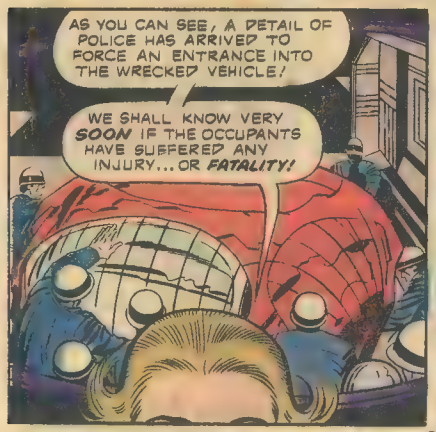
WE HAD NO INKLING THAT THIS KIND OF DEVELOPMENT WOULD TAKE PLACE, SIR!

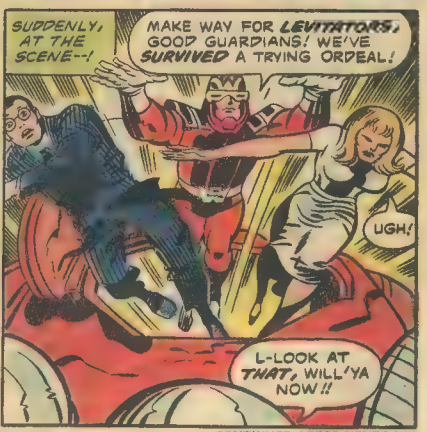
WHAT BEGAN AS A SCHOOL PROJECT HAS BECOME A NIGHTMARE!!











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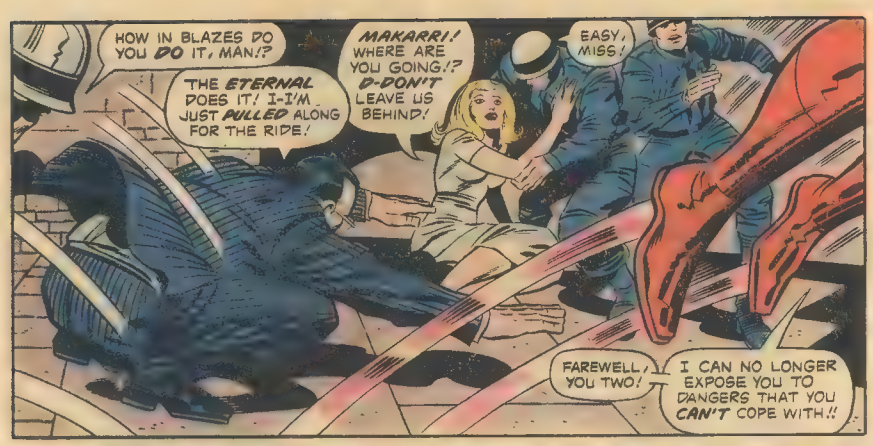
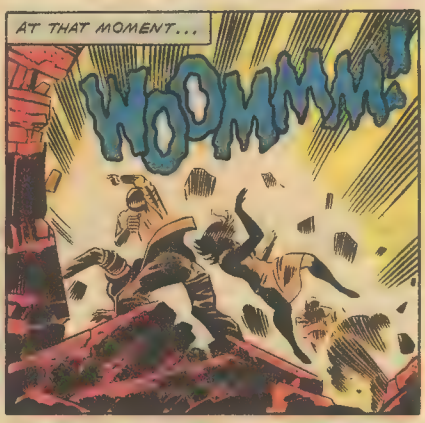
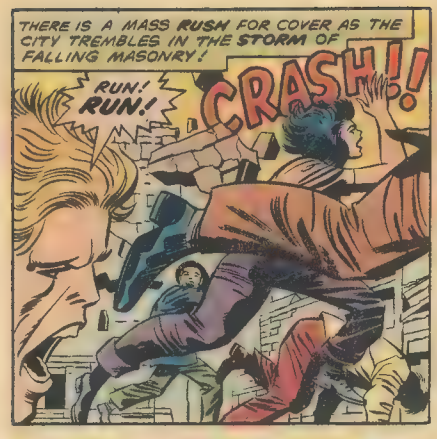

HOW IN BLAZES DO YOU DO IT, MAN!?
THE ETERNAL DOES IT! I-I'M JUST PULLED ALONG FOR THE RIDE!
MAKARRI! WHERE ARE YOU GOING!? D-DON'T LEAVE US BEHIND!
EASY, MISS!
FAREWELL, YOU TWO!
I CAN NO LONGER EXPOSE YOU TO DANGERS THAT YOU CAN'T COPE WITH!!

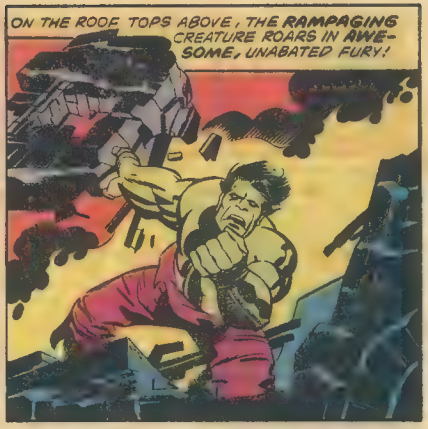
GOOD LUCK AND GOOD HUNTING, MAKARRI!
THESE ETERNALS CAN SURE TAKE PUNISHMENT! I SURE HOPE HE BEATS THE ODDS!
LORD KNOWS HOW THIS WILL END!
I-I FEEL SO HELPLESS--BEING LEFT HERE--TO WAIT--!

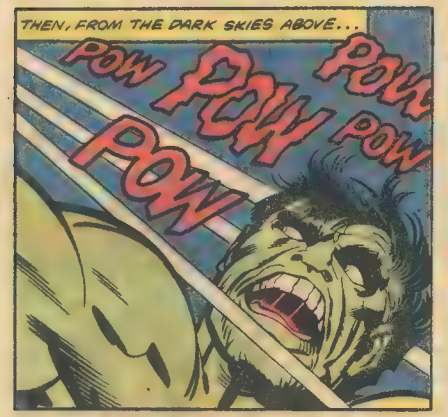

AT THAT MOMENT...
WOOMMM!

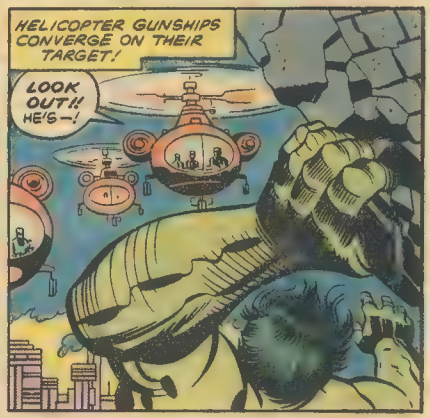
THAT SHOCK MUST HAVE SHATTERED THE RICHTER SCALE!
A-ARE YOU HURT, MARGO?
I'LL LIVE... BUT I DON'T KNOW FOR HOW LONG--IF THIS KEEPS UP!

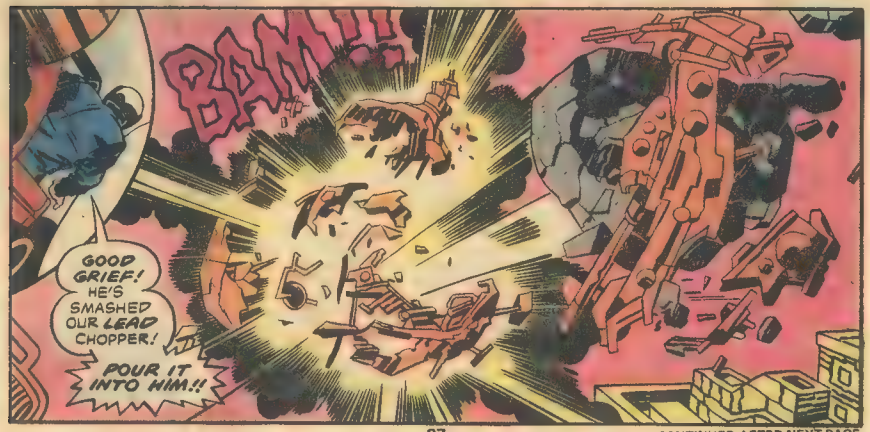
UP THERE! IT'S THE HULK!
CLEAR THIS AREA OF CIVILIANS!!
HE'S GROWN STRONGER--MORE SAVAGE!!
HE'S RAINING TONS OF DEBRIS UPON THE STREETS!











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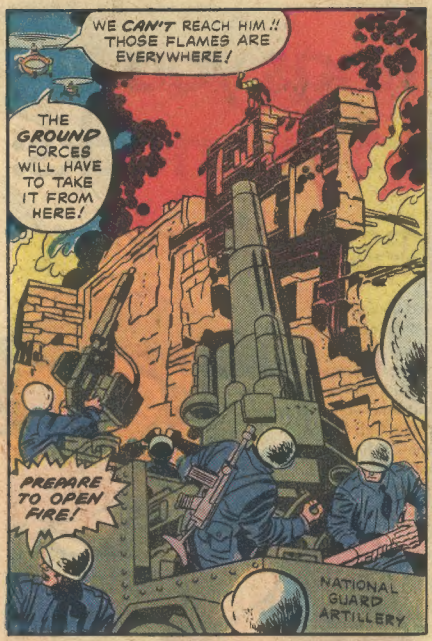
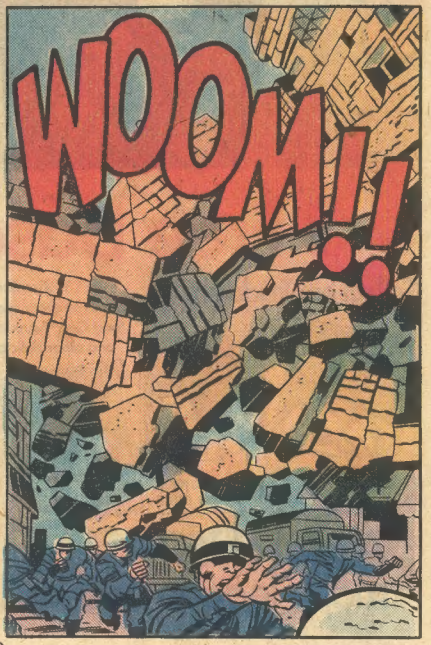

WE CAN'T REACH HIM!! THOSE FLAMES ARE EVERYWHERE!
THE GROUND FORCES WILL HAVE TO TAKE IT FROM HERE!
PREPARE TO OPEN FIRE!
NATIONAL GUARD ARTILLERY

SUDDENLY, THE COSMIC BEHEMOTH LEAPS OUTWARD!
WE CAN'T ZERO IN ON HIM! HE'S JUMPING OUT OF RANGE!
LOOK OUT! HE'S UP TO SOMETHING!

KABLAAM
GOOD GOD! THE GREEN DEVIL'S HIT THAT BUILDING LIKE A--A SUPER-BOMB!
RUN!--OR YOU'LL BE CRUSHED!


WOOM!!

THEN THE **TERRIBLE** ECHOES GIVE WAY TO THE CRACKLE OF FLAME, AND NOW, **DISTANT** SHOUTS OF DISMAY, A MASSIVE SUB-HUMAN FIGURE MOVES **MENACINGLY** ACROSS THE TONS OF HEAPED DEBRIS...

BEFORE HIM STAND THE **LAST DITCH** DEFENDERS OF THE CITY...

STAND FAST! DON'T GIVE WAY!

H-HE'S REACHED THE **PEAK** OF HIS POWER, IKARIS! WHAT ARE OUR **CHANCES** OF STOPPING HIM!?

VERY **FEW!**

LEAVE, SERSI! THIS **WON'T** BE **NICE!**

OBEY, SERSI--! ETERNALS **CAN'T** DIE... BUT THEY CAN BE **TWISTED** OUT OF SHAPE FOR **ALL TIME!**

NEVERTHELESS... WE'VE GOT TO MARSHALL OUR **OWN** POWERS AND USE THEM WITH A WILL **EQUAL** TO HIS!

W-WAIT! BEHOLD!!

LET MY HAND DECIDE THIS FIGHT!!

GREAT ZURAS!!

IT'S

GREAT ZURAS

AND THE

BIG CITY CRYPT

IN THE NEXT EXCITING ISSUE! **GET IT!!**

ETERNAL UTTERINGS

c/o MARVEL COMICS GROUP, 575 MADISON AVE. N.Y.C. 10022

Dear Jack,

Seresi has been playing tricks on your letters page...changing my name to Sam. Please reprimand her. On second thought, don't...she might turn you into something.

ETERNALS #11 is hard to describe. Suspenseful might fit, though. The entire issue builds up to a point that won't be seen for a whole month. Now that's suspense. Surprisingly enough, I didn't feel all that cheated. There was enough action and characterization to carry the issue through.

The revelation of Eternals living all throughout the world was interesting to say the least. Especially the fact that they were living as humans, in a sense. The scene set at the Kremlin was great, but speaking of how someone "rose in rank"...you don't suppose that Jimmy Carter is an Eternal do you?

I was somewhat surprised at the battle that took place when the Russian Eternals entered Olympia. After all, *all* Eternals were being called for one of their most important rituals. Was that any time for a fight, sport or not? The outcome was pleasing, however. Apparently, no one really had ill-feelings throughout the battle. It was more in fun than anything else. On second thought...*was* it?

Of course, we all knew that the Space God wouldn't be hurt by a puny missile, much less allow it to get close enough. The fact that it had never really left the silo was a nice twist, though.

Well, before I go, let me say that I love the book, and hope you won't be changing the format very much. And if you must have guest-stars, please try to keep it down to those that might fit in decently—such as Captain Marvel, Moondragon, or Thor. I'm not saying that I'll like it, though.

SCOTT Taylor
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We appreciate your cogent criticisms and optimistic observations, Scott, and we apologize for somehow transforming your name to Sam on the letters page of the aforementioned ish. *Sheesh*! Some days, we even have trouble tyin' the shoe-laces on our tattered sneakers!

Oh, and by the by, what did ya think of our little guest-appearance-by-proxy of ol' Green-skin these past two issues?

Dear Jack,

One thing that I have learned from reading your books is never to take anything at its face value and always to expect the unknown or the unexpected. This was visually proven in ETERNALS #11. The surprise of this issue, to me, was the truth of Ikaris' relatives, the Polar Eternals and their human identities. It seems completely out of place and character for Eternals, a race of gods, to masquerade as humans who are involved in activities such as the Russian KGB are.

Also, I found it again out of character to see the Eternals fighting amongst themselves in what was a very meaningless conflict. It seems to me that the Eternals are superior to humans, and should not succumb to the petty differences which plague our own race of beings.

Again, this issue showed the insanity of mankind, in attacking that which they do not understand. Nezzar's defense at the end of the story indicated the wisdom and purpose of thought which is an inherent part of the Celestials, and an integral characteristic of those of the Fourth Host. This issue gave us much food for thought, as has the whole series up to this point.

Where we go from here is anyone's guess, but we have the whole galaxy in which to explore the possibilities.

Bill Dickenson
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In ancient times, brother Bill, the Gods were understood to be beings of great mirth and great strivings. So it is for the Eternals. They are larger than life; they are not men, they're Gods! Thus, their squabble prior to assembling for the Uni-Mind was a mere indication of high spirits and the sort of playfulness between powerful and eternal beings that surpasses the often shortsighted battles staged by mankind with deadly intent against his fellows. Therefore, we have to disagree that any of this was out of character for our group of Eternals—after all, it's still early enough in the series that character is still unfolding with each issue!

We're glad, though, that you enjoyed the issue, and hope you'll continue to offer your constructive criticisms in the many months to come.

Eternal Marvel:

So what happened to Kro's crazy shades? He hasn't had them on since ETERNALS #1!

Brad Jones
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Lebanon, MO 65536

How's this: He no longer has any need for disguise? He hasn't been out in the sun, lately? He lost 'em at a party? Heck, Brad, how are *we* supposed to know? We're only mortals, after all!

And now, before that sneaky little subterfuge becomes fully manifest, we must make haste and wish you all a mighty fine summertime! See ya here in another 720 hours!

scanned by *Wizard*